

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An apparatus for receiving a robot driver in a motor vehicle having a driver's seat and a driver's lap belt, comprising:

a mounting portion adapted to rest on the driver's seat and comprising a seat plate configured for supporting the robot driver; and

at least one locking element carried by said mounting portion and engageable with the driver's lap belt for holding said mounting portion securely on the driver's seat in a position suitable for proper operation of the robot driver.

2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said locking element has a grip handle.

3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said locking element comprises at least one component which guides and locks the lap belt.

4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the driver's lap belt is locked to the vehicle at at least one locking point and said locking element is movable about a pivot shaft in such a way that pivoting of said locking element varies the spacing between the locking point and said component.

5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 4, wherein said locking element has a grip handle, a gear wheel and a latch and said grip handle is maintained in a given angular position by said gear wheel and said latch when said locking element engages the driver's lap belt to hold said mounting portion securely on the driver's seat.

6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 5, further comprising a guide plate spaced laterally from said locking element in a position to guide the lap belt from the locking point to said component.

7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a locking plate and wherein said at least one locking element comprises two structurally identical locking elements each provided for independently tightening a respective end of the lap belt and disposed offset from one another on said locking plate in such a way that, for locking the lap belt, said two locking elements undergo pivoting motions that are oriented counter to one another.

8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein said locking elements pivotable about respective shafts in such a way that said locking elements act as tightening levers for the lap belt.

9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a backrest portion that is pivotable relative to said mounting portion and is fixable at an angle relative to said mounting portion.

10. (New) An apparatus for receiving a robot driver in a motor vehicle having a driver's seat and a driver's lap belt, comprising:

means adapted to rest on the driver's seat and configured for supporting the robot driver; and

locking means carried by said mounting portion for locking engagement with the driver's lap belt in order to hold said mounting portion securely on the driver's seat in a position suitable for proper operation of the robot driver.

11. (New) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein said means adapted to rest on the driver's seat comprise a seat plate for supporting the robot driver.

12. (New) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein said locking means comprise two structurally identical locking elements each provided for independently tightening a respective end of the lap belt and disposed offset from one another on said locking plate in such a way that, for locking the lap belt, said two locking elements undergo pivoting motions that are oriented counter to one another.